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## NEW YORK HOG INVENTORY DECREASES

Pork producers in New York had 77,000 hogs and pigs on hand December 1, 2009, according to Stephen Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York office. This total was down 19 percent from the 95,000 head on hand a year earlier.

Of the current inventory, 11,000 hogs are for breeding purposes, down 2,000 head from the previous December. The remaining 66,000 hogs and pigs, raised for home use or the slaughter market, decreased by 16,000 head from a year ago.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2009 was 65.8 million head. This was down 2 percent from December 1, 2008 and down 2 percent from September 1, 2009. Breeding inventory, at 5.85 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.0 million head, was down 2 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2009 pig crop, at 28.8 million head, was up slightly from 2008 but down 2 percent from 2007. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, down 2 percent from 2008 and down 6 percent from 2007. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.70 for the September-November 2009 period, compared to 9.50 last year. The litter rate equaled the record for pigs saved per litter set during the June-August 2009 period. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.80 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

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